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Please find an Amendment transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application.

Please note a certified English language translation along with a certified copy of the priority document, a Request for corrected filing receipt, and a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this Response.

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action of September 17, The extended period for response expires on January 17, 2004 (January 17 being a Saturday, January 18 being a Sunday, and January 19 being a holiday). Please charge the \$110.00

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action of September 17, 2003, kindly amend the above-captioned application without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include one new sheet of drawings.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.